

Ex. 5 AC/DP

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Subject: Water emergency

Dear Cheryl,

In our recent phone conversation on January 6 —I had informed you that our community no longer has a clean water source due to the fact that the Algoma water kiosk is no longer in operation. Town of Lincoln residents informed me of this the morning of January 6, at our Land and Water meeting. This creates a real hardship for those that relied on this source for clean water. You stated you would tell attorney Chris Grubb of this current status. Could you please let me

know how the EPA plans to address this critical issue?

I was quite concerned that your office has not been kept informed of the ongoing egregious spills that have taken place here in the last several months, 13 in all, that have severely impacted local streams and waterways, including Lake Michigan, and included further contamination to residents home wells. I had sent you the data on these spills in an attachment 1/6.

Our land base here is completely and totally saturated—not helped by wet heavy snow we have had lately, mixed with rain. Manure is still being spread under the fallacy of land that is of “lower risk” for run off.

This winter and spring promises to be beyond a health and safety threat to the citizenry living in Kewaunee County—with already a “manure emergency” declared, and lagoons dangerously full (or already overflowing) while daily more waste is generated.

I would think as this “crisis” emerges and looms in an even more threatening manner in the months to come—that the EPA would be engaged with our county. The outcome is highly predictable. I am distressed that a “blame it on the rain” mentality ensues, ignoring the absolute necessity of operations making amendments to their business plans for manure containment and disposal. Our community can no longer be beholden to the failures of the industrial agricultural model, and its business plan created for “optimal” conditions.

Officials here had put together a resolution that was intended to go to our Governor that would have significantly rolled back regulations, and jeopardized both water and citizen health for the sake of emergency manure disposal.

<https://kewaunee.com/propose-resolution-asks-governor-to-act-on-manure-emergency/>

Please let me know how the EPA is going to respond to our current water emergency.

Is the EPA ever planning on investigating the cause and source of the ongoing contamination here? Does the EPA have a document outlining your responses
/or lack of responses to the SDWA petition filed in October of 2014? If so, I’d appreciate that documentation please.

The water kiosk at the Algoma High school was a grassroots effort by the people here and did not include help from any agencies (DATCP/DNR/EPA).

The mass majority of residents here are not interested in getting water from the perpetrators of the pollution, Peninsula Pride, so please be aware of that, if at any level EPA feels that is a water resource. I believe they only supply water for 3 months and have had very little response to their program.

Cheryl, I appreciate you responding to my concerns, and I anticipate the EPA’s involvement in our community, now, and in the coming months.

Thank you.

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